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In re the Application of

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TITLE: AN Al-Zn-Mg-Cu ALLOY WITH IMPROVED DAMAGE TOLERANCE-STRENGTH COMBINATION PROPERTIES

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Two of the items listed on the concurrently filed Form/sb/08 are the following:

(1) an Office action of October 14, 2008 for US patent application no. 11/239,651 to Benedictus et al. (US patent application no. 11/239,651 to Benedictus et al. has common inventorship with the present application); and

(2) US patent no. 7,250,223 to Miyachi et al. (cited in the Office action of October 14, 2008 for US patent application no. 11/239,651 to Benedictus et al.).

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RU 2044098 C1

RU 2165996 C1

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REMARKS

The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08.

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